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1. FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT MENTIONED REFTEL THAT WE
UNDERSTAND WAS APPROVED BY INER AND CAEC FOR CONTINGENCY
USE AT POSSIBLE NRC OR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS: QUOTE IN
LIGHT OF ITS EXPANDING COMMITMENT TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR
POWER TO MEET ITS ENERGY NEEDS AND THE WORLDWIDE CONCERNS
ABOUT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, THE ROC HAS RECENTLY UNDER-
TAKEN A MAJOR REVIEW OF ITS OVERALL NUCLEAR RESEARCH
PROGRAM. AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW THE ROC HAS TERMINATED
CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO REPROCESSING AND THE HANDLING
OF PLUTONIUM AND U-233, AND IS RESTRUCTURING ITS NUCLEAR
RESEARCH PROGRAM TO BE MORE DIRECTLY RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS
OF THEIR NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM. THE U.S. HAS BEEN CONSULTING
WITH AND ADVISING THE ROC IN THIS EFFORT. UNQUOTE

2. WE ASSUME THAT THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN PASSED TO
THE DEPARTMENT BY TEAM LEADER HELFRIC, AND THAT ITS
USE MAY EVEN HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SOME DISCUSSION

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DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF INER DIRECTOR CH'IENTH CHI-PENG.
SHOULD AN OCCASION ARISE WHERE THIS OR A SIMILAR STATE-
MENT IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR USE BY U.S. OFFICIALS IN A
PUBLIC FORUM, WE WOULD EXPECT TO BE INFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
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